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SUMMARY: (U) ACCORDING TO A NEWS ARTICLE WHICH APPEARED IN THE 2 APRIL 1985 ISSUE OF THE JAPAN ECONOMIC JOURNAL, A NUMBER OF JAPANESE SCIENTISTS ARE BEGINNING TO PAY ATTENTION TO LONG-SHUNNED PARAPSYCHOLOGICAL RESEARCH. ACCORDING TO SOJI OHTANI, PROFESSOR AT THE JAPAN DEFENSE COLLEGE AND PRESIDENT OF THE JAPAN PARAPSYCHOLOGY ASSOCIATION, THE STUDY OF PSYCHIC PHENOMENA IN JAPAN IS NOT YET OFFICIALLY RECOGNIZED AND PAST EFFORTS HAVE BEEN CONDUCTED BY INDEPENDENT RESEARCHERS. CURRENTLY, TAKAHIRO ((SEKIMOTO)), PRESIDENT OF NEC CORP HOPES TO HAVE COMPANY RESEARCHERS STUDY TELEPATHY AS A REVOLUTIONARY FUTURE MODE OF COMMUNICATION. WHILE HIROO ((YUHARA)), ADVISOR TO UNIDEN CORP, AND FORMER HEAD OF THE JAPANESE GOVERNMENT POSTS AND TELECOMMUNICATION MINISTRY'S RADIO RESEARCH LABORATORIES (JAPAN'S MOST ADVANCED TELECOMMUNICATION RESEARCH ORGANIZATION) HAS BEEN STUDYING PARAPSYCHOLOGICAL PHENOMENA FOR SEVERAL YEARS. ANOTHER RESEARCHER, MASAMICHI ((ROKUSHA)), A HITACHI, LTD ENGINEER, HAS SECRETLY DEvised A SYSTEM UTILIZING A PERSONAL COMPUTER AND COMPUTER ANALYSIS TO GREATLY IMPROVE THE FUTURE STUDY OF PARAPSYCHOLOGY. IN ADDITION, A TECHNICAL ADVISER TO MATSUSHITA ELECTRIC INDUSTRIAL COMPANY, HAJIME ((KARATSU)), SPOKE OF THE IMPORTANCE OF FULLY UNDERSTANDING THE HUMAN BRAIN THROUGH AN UNDERSTANDING OF PSYCHIC PHENOMENA FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF ADVANCED COMPUTERS IN THE FUTURE. THE JAPANESE GOVERNMENT MAY ALSO BE STARTING TO MOVE INTO THE FIELD OF PARAPSYCHOLOGY BY TAKING UP THE SUBJECT OF MAN'S SPIRITUAL ACTIVITIES AS A STUDY THEME OF ITS FY 87 CREATIVE SET PROMOTION PROGRAM.

TEXT: (U) THE FOLLOWING IS THE COMPLETE TEXT OF AN ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTICLE TITLED "COMPUTER SCIENTISTS BEGIN PAYING ATTENTION TO LONG-SHUNNED PARAPSYCHOLOGICAL RESEARCH" WHICH APPEARED IN THE 2 APRIL 1985 ISSUE OF THE JAPAN ECONOMIC JOURNAL.

"TADAHIRO SEKIMOTO, PRESIDENT OF NEC CORP., HAS A PET RESEARCH THEME WHICH HE IS HOPING TO SEE TAKEN UP BY HIS COMPANY'S RESEARCHERS. SEKIMOTO HIMSELF BROUGHT UP THE THEME SOME 20 YEARS AGO, WHEN HE WAS A SENIOR ENGINEER, AND HAD IT FLATLY TURNED DOWN. THE THEME IS TO SOMEHOW EXPLAIN SCIENTIFICALLY PHENOMENA WHICH ARE

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REFERRED TO AS THE 'SIXTH SENSE' OR 'TELEPATHY.'  
'THE STUDY OF THE SIXTH SENSE AND TELEPATHY WILL  
CERTAINLY PROVE A CORNERSTONE OF FUTURE MODES OF  
COMMUNICATIONS,' DECLARES SEKIMOTO.

UNKNOWN ENERGY

TELECOMMUNICATIONS ENGINEERING AT PRESENT DEPENDS  
ON ELECTROMAGNETIC ENERGIES AND SOUND VIBRATION  
ENERGIES. SEKIMOTO BELIEVES THAT THERE IS UNKNOWN  
ENERGY IN 'THE WORLD OF THE SIXTH SENSE' THAT CAN BE  
USED FOR TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND THAT DISCOVERY OF THIS  
UNKNOWN ENERGY MAY VERY WELL REVOLUTIONALIZE  
TELECOMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS IN THEIR ENTIRETY.

'SCIENCE TODAY DOES NOT FULLY EXPLAIN WHAT THE  
ELECTRIC WAVE REALLY IS,' DECLARES HIROO YUHARA,  
ADVISOR TO THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS GEAR MAKER UNIDEN  
CORP., AND FORMER HEAD OF THE POSTS AND  
TELECOMMUNICATIONS MINISTRY'S RADIO RESEARCH  
LABORATORIES, THE MOST ADVANCED OF JAPAN'S RESEARCH  
ORGANIZATIONS IN THIS FIELD. 'WHAT WE KNOW IS THAT WE  
CAN MAKE WONDERFUL COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT IF WE BUILD  
IT ON THE THEORIES OF ELECTRIC WAVE ENGINEERING. THERE  
ARE MANY BASIC MATTERS THAT REQUIRE SCIENTIFIC  
EXPLANATIONS.'

YUHARA HAS FOR SEVERAL YEARS BEEN ENGROSSED IN  
STUDYING PHENOMENA DEFYING SCIENTIFIC EXPLANATION. HE  
CONDUCTED A SIMPLE EXPERIMENT FOR AN NKS REPORTER. HE  
FIRST PLACED SOME NAME CARDS AND SMALL PIECES OF PAPER  
WITH NAMES WRITTEN ON THEM ON A TABLE AND THEN BROUGHT  
A BAR MAGNET HANGING FROM A STRING. WHEN THE MAGNET  
WAS PLACED ABOVE THE NAME CARDS, IT STARTED SWINGING  
RIGHT AND LEFT DEPENDING UPON THE NAME CARDS. YUHARA  
CLAIMED THAT WHEN THE NAME CARD IS THAT OF A DEAD MAN,  
THE MAGNET SWINGS TO THE LEFT.

TO EXPLAIN THIS STRANGE PHENOMENON, YUHARA  
FORMULATED THE FOLLOWING HYPOTHESIS: 'THE HUMAN BODY  
HAS A SECRET SENSOR IN IT AND THE SENSOR TRANSMITS THE  
INFORMATION ABOUT THE STATE (DEAD OR ALIVE) OF THE MAN  
WHOSE NAME IS ON THE CARD TO THE BAR MAGNET.'

'IN JAPAN, PSYCHIC PHENOMENA AND THE DISCIPLINE OF  
PARAPSYCHOLOGY ARE YET TO BE RECOGNIZED,' STATES SOJI  
OHTANI, PROFESSOR AT THE DEFENSE COLLEGE AND PRESIDENT  
OF THE JAPAN PARAPSYCHOLOGY ASSOCIATION. 'WE,  
THEREFORE, ARE CONDUCTING OUR RESEARCH ON THE SUBJECTS  
COMPLETELY ON OUR OWN.'

EVEN AMONG BIG BUSINESS EMPLOYEES, THERE ARE SOME  
WHO ARE SECRETLY ENGAGED IN TELEPATHY IN THE BELIEF  
THAT THE DAYS WHEN THE WORTH OF SUCH STUDIES IS FULLY  
APPRECIATED ARE NOT THAT FAR AWAY.

ONE SUCH PERSON IS MASAMICHI ROKUSHA, AN ENGINEER  
BELONGING TO HITACHI, LTD.'S PATENT SECTION. ROKUSHA  
HAS RECENTLY DEvised, WITH THE USE OF A PERSONAL  
COMPUTER, A SYSTEM TO GREATLY IMPROVE THE EFFICIENCY OF  
STUDIES OF THE SIXTH SENSE.

ROKUSHA MAKES THE COMPUTER MEMORIZE THE FIGURES ONE  
AND ZERO 100 TIMES AT RANDOM AND HAS A CONTROL TO CALL  
OUT THE FIGURES BEFORE THE MACHINE FLASHES THEM ON  
SCREEN EVERY TWO SECONDS. THE 'BEEP' SOUND IS  
SOMETIMES ADDED TO TEST WHAT EFFECTS THE SOUND WILL  
HAVE ON THE CONTROL'S SCORE.

A COMPUTER ANALYSIS OF VAST AMOUNTS OF DATA  
COLLECTED SHOW THAT THE SCORES BECOME POOR AFTER THE  
BEEP SOUND AND THAT THE BEST SCORES ARE CONCENTRATED  
JUST BEFORE THE BEEP SOUND. ROKUSHA EXPLAINS THESE TWO  
PHENOMENA BY CONSIDERING THAT THE CONTROL SOMEHOW SENSE  
THAT THE BEEP SOUND DISRUPTS THEIR INTUITION SO SOME

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MYSTERIOUS POWER WORKS AND IMPROVES THEIR SCORES BEFORE  
THE BEEP SOUND. BT

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'THE DAY WILL CERTAINLY COME SOONER OR LATER WHEN  
STUDIES OF PSYCHIC PHENOMENA BECOME LEGITIMATE.'  
ROKUSHA SAYS. 'I AM BUILDING UP THE NECESSARY DATA AND  
INFORMATION FOR SUCH AN EVENTUALITY.'

NATIONAL PROJECT

HAJIME KARATSU, TECHNICAL ADVISER TO MATSUSHITA  
ELECTRIC INDUSTRIAL CO., SPEAKS OF THE IMPORTANCE OF  
STUDIES OF PSYCHIC PHENOMENA IN A DIFFERENT MANNER.  
'DEVELOPMENT OF FUTURE COMPUTERS HINGES ON A FULL  
EXPLANATION OF BRAIN FUNCTIONS,' SAYS KARATSU. 'IN  
BRAIN STUDIES, PHENOMENA SO FAR UNEXPLAINED BY  
CONVENTIONAL SCIENCES SHOULD ALSO BE TAKEN UP.'

THE STATE ALSO HAS STARTED MOVING INTO THE FIELD.  
THE SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AGENCY HAS RECENTLY DECIDED  
TO TAKE UP MAN'S SPIRITUAL ACTIVITIES AS A STUDY THEME  
OF ITS CREATIVE SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY PROMOTION  
PROGRAM AS FROM FISCAL 1987.

ALTHOUGH THERE ARE MANY WORDS IN THE JAPANESE  
LANGUAGE SMACKING OF THE SUPERNATURAL, NO SCIENTIFIC  
STUDIES HAVE AS YET BEEN UNDERTAKEN ON THE PHENOMENA  
IMPLIED BY THE WORDS. STUDIES OF SUCH PHENOMENA MAY  
VERY WELL HAVE WIDE-RANGING PRACTICAL APPLICATIONS,  
RANGING FROM CURES FOR ILLNESSES TO NEW COMMUNICATIONS  
MODES.

SIR ISAAC NEWTON, FORMULATOR OF THE THEORY OF  
GRAVITY, BECAME ENGROSSED IN STUDIES OF THE  
SUPERNATURAL IN HIS LATER YEARS, WHILE BRIAN D.  
JOSEPHSON, A BRITISH PHYSICIST KNOWN AS THE CREATOR OF  
THE JOSEPHSON JUNCTION THEORY, IS NOW FULLY COMMITTED  
TO STUDIES OF MAN'S SPIRITUAL ACTIVITIES."

COMMENTS: (C-NF) INFORMATION IN THIS REPORT SHOULD BE OF INTEREST  
TO ANALYSTS AT THE DEFENSE INTELLIGENCE AGENCY, DIRECTORATE OF  
SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY. DT-5A.

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